

3. (Amended.) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second data rate is higher than the first data rate by a factor of two or more.

4. (Amended.) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein each second transceiver operates in accordance with the wireless networking protocol IEEE802.

5. (Amended.) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first transceiver of each of the second communications device and said other communications devices is such as to communicate with the base station of a cellular telecommunications network, and wherein the first communications device is also arranged to communicate with the base station.

9. (Amended.) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second communications device transfers portions of data to be sent to the first communications device to each of a plurality of said other communications devices by means of its second transceiver and their second transceivers, the second communications device instructs said other communications devices to transmit said data portions to the first communications device, and the second communications device transmits the remaining portion of the data to the first communications device.

12. (Amended.) A system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the transceivers are such that the second data rate is higher than the first data rate by a factor of two or more.

13. (Amended.) A system as claimed in claim 10, wherein each second transceiver operates in accordance with the wireless networking protocol IEEE802.

14. (Amended.) A system as claimed in claim 10, further comprising a base station of a cellular telecommunications network, the first transceivers of the second communications devices being arranged to communicate with the base station, and the first communications device being provided with a transceiver for communication with the base station.

18. (Amended.) A system as claimed in claim 10, wherein a given second communications device is arranged to transfer portions of data to be sent to the first communications device to each of a plurality of the other second communications devices by